

June 18, 2021



WESTBORO ELEMENTARY Weekly Newsletter

June 21: National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 22: Preparing for Kindergarten Session: Self Help and Building Independence 1:00 p.m.

June 23: Preparing for Kindergarten Session: Literacy in Kindergarten 1:00 p.m.

June 25: Grade 6 Farewell 10:00 a.m. June 25: School Assembly 1:00 p.m.

June 25: Last instructional day

June 28: Last operational day (school closed to students)

3L TIME CAPSULE

This year, grade 3 and 4 students across Alberta were asked to participate in a special time capsule project sent to us from the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation. We were asked to write a letter to our future selves and fellow students about sustainable goals that we felt would contribute positively to keeping our future generations healthy and safe.

Our class had many good discussions about what goals we collectively felt strongly about including medical care, a clean environment and protecting our freedoms. Together as a class, we wrote a letter to our school's future grade 12 class of the 2030 and it was included in 2030-time capsule. This capsule will be opened in September 2030 when our current students are in grade 12. I thought you as parents may be interested in hearing more about this since we will be a part of that special event.

Below is a link to the AGGC with more information. I can't imagine what our world will look like in 9 years, and it will be interesting to see if our goals have been achieved!

Here is the link: https://youtu.be/ZLcOaSvqW80

2020-2021 YEARBOOKS

2020-2021 yearbooks are now available to order through Lifetouch for \$19 each!

Orders and payments are available online at https://YBPay.lifetouch.ca.

Yearbook ID code: 14397221.

The deadline to order is **June 25, 2020**.

EIPS SUMMER HOURS

Summer Hours at Elk Island Public Schools

Throughout the summer break, Westboro Elementary is closed. It reopens on August 25 at 8:00 a.m. If you have any school-related questions or concerns while the school is closed, contact EIPS Central Services—the office is open all summer to complete year-end activities and prepare for the 2021-22 school year. Students return to school on September 1.

EIPS Central Office Summer Hours: June 28 to August 24

Open: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Phone: 780-464-3477

Address: 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

Statutory Holidays

Closed July 1 Canada Day Closed August 2 Heritage Day

NOTE: Student Transportation also remains open during the summer months—operating during the same hours as EIPS Central Services.

LITTLE ELK ISLAND ADVENTURES

Dates are set for Little Elk Island Adventure 2021. The events provide first-time riders and their parents with an opportunity to learn more about riding the bus. Sessions will take place in Sherwood Park and Fort Saskatchewan in late **August 2021**. Details and registration links are available on the Division website. Students and parents will learn:

- How to be safe when around the bus
- What the Danger Zone is and where it is located
- How to board the bus and scan their bus pass
- How to sit properly on the school bus
- EIPS' Code of Conduct

The session includes an opportunity for parents and their student to take a short ride on a school bus. In Sherwood Park, parents and students will have the enhanced opportunity to learn about and visit the SAL transfer site.

Little Elk Island Adventure 2021 Dates and Locations

Location	Date	lime
EIPS Central Services	August 16	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 17	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 18	2 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 19	2:30 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 19	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 23	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 24	6 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 26	6 p.m.
SouthPointe School	August 25	2:30 p.m.
SouthPointe School	August 25	6 p.m.

Dates and times may change depending on the province's public-health measures.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES 2021-2022

Write-on-Stationery Supplies are now available for ordering. The deadline to order is **July 15, 2021** and delivery to the school will be at the end of **August**.

Please note this is **OPTIONAL**. If you choose not to order, please use the lists on our school website as a guide. Click <u>here</u> to view the school supply lists for **2021-2022**.

FOR ONLINE ORDERS:

- Go to www.write-on.ca
- Click on "PARENTS Order Here"
- School Name: Westboro Elementary School SHERWOOD PARK
- Choose your grade and place your order.
- Complete your order by clicking 'PLACE ORDER'.
- You will receive an automatic email confirmation to confirm that your order has been received.
- We accept VISA, MC, AMEX, Visa Debit and Interac on-line.

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH RECOURCES

Historica Canada has compiled several resources to reflect on the history and contributions of Indigenous Peoples during <u>National Indigenous History Month</u> this June.

- The <u>Voices from Here education guide</u> offers classroom activities to explore the stories of First Nations, Inuit and Métis participants in the <u>Voices from Here oral history</u> series. The series and activities explore questions related to <u>Indigenous Peoples in Canada</u> and ask students to explore oral histories and memory as educational resources to build understanding and challenge traditional historical narratives.
- <u>Kenojuak Ashevak</u> was the first woman to be involved with the printmaking shop at Cape Dorset. She went on to become one of the best-known Inuit artists in the world. <u>Watch her story</u> and others on our <u>Indigenous Peoples playlist</u>.
- Howard Sinclair Anderson was underage when he enlisted in the army during the Second World War. <u>Listen to his story</u> of service and discover more in The Memory Project's list on <u>Indigenous Peoples & 20th Century Canadian Military History</u>.
- <u>The Indigenous Treaties in Canada collection</u> gathers articles and media relating to <u>constitutionally recognized agreements</u> between the Crown and Indigenous peoples, including new articles on the <u>Toronto Purchase</u> (Treaty 13), the <u>Treaty of Niagara</u> (1764) and the <u>Pennefather Treaties</u>. The collection also includes the <u>Treaties in Canada</u> education guide and the <u>Indigenous Perspectives education guide</u>.
- In 2002, four Anishinaabe Nations signed an accord to protect their culture and ancestral lands. Established in 2018, Pimachiowin Aki is Canada's first and only mixed (natural and cultural) UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Learn more about Indigenous Peoples in Canada with <u>easy</u>, <u>medium</u> and <u>hard</u> quizzes from the Citizenship Challenge.

Strathcona County Information

COVID-19 UPDATE

On June 10, more programs, recreation activities and businesses began re-opening under stage two of the <u>Open for Summer</u> plan.

Read full details about what's re-opening: https://bit.ly/2TSs26j

STRATHCONA COUNTY SUMMER SWIM & PERFORMING ARTS

Performing Arts Programs register here.

Summer swim programs register here.

NEW! SKATE PARK NEAR ARDROSSAN RECREATION COMPLEX IS OFFICIALLY OPEN!

For more information about the skate park, visit http://ow.ly/r36z50Fb8zl

FREE SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Free summer programs for children, youth and families – there's something for everyone! For dates, times and locations, visit: strathcona.ca/summeropportunities

A TRIBUTE TO YOUTH IN STRATHCONA COUNTY

You were not the decision makers, yet you were affected by the decisions. Your play, your connections, your passions, your simple ability to choose – all taken by COVID.

You sanitized, distanced and masked up. You Zoomed and Googled, packed up and unpacked again, quarantined and tested. You did your part to keep our community safe. But now, maybe, you can let out a slow exhale from the pressures of having to worry about friends, teachers, parents and grandparents. Maybe it's time to turn your attention back onto yourselves.

Remember what used to make you laugh, how your bodies used to move, what it felt like to be

energized by risks. You did the work. You graduated from one of life's hardest tests. You did it. We are proud of you.

https://www.strathcona.ca/community.../youth/youth-tribute/

CANADA DAY

Join the week-long Canada Day celebration from June 28–July 4. We've planned in-person events to complement virtual and drive-through activities for Canada Day. There's something for everyone to enjoy. Read the full media release here: https://bit.ly/3gEk7RC